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AMENDMENTS

If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please add the section(s) on page 1, after line 1, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested.

3. Claims:

Please cancel claims without prejudice.

Please amend claims and add new claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §

1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

If checked, the optional complete set of “clean” claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.



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APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following beginning at page 1, line 2:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

A1 This application is based on and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/119,284, filed on February 9, 1999, entitled BRANCHLINK SYSTEM.